

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
CRIMINAL DEPARTMENT CASE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 2005-001

The purpose of case management is to provide for the just, fair and speedy determination of every criminal case. To improve the criminal case management plan for the Maricopa County Superior Court,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Changes of Plea shall be set to be heard on the assigned judge's calendar within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, of the request for a change of plea. If the assigned judge cannot set a change of plea within 48 hours, then counsel shall contact the presiding judge of the criminal department and obtain a timely change of plea.
2. Each criminal division shall notify the presiding criminal judge of a half day each week the division has set aside to allow both the division and criminal court administration to schedule settlement conferences on the division's calendar. Criminal court administration shall designate a central number for counsel for master calendaring criminal settlement conferences upon request from the parties. This procedure does not preclude parties from setting a settlement conference before a particular trial judge; however, failure to schedule a settlement conference before trial shall not constitute good cause for a trial continuance, except in extraordinary circumstances.
3. Each assigned criminal trial judge shall conduct a trial management conference for each case at least five days prior to trial. Cases continuing to trial after the trial management conference shall be calendared for a mandatory settlement conference unless, for good cause, the trial judge excuses participation in this conference.
4. Proceedings appearing on the case transfer list shall be assigned to judges who are not in trial. Assignments or exceptions to case transfer placement may be made by the presiding criminal judge or his/her designee. The presiding criminal judge shall hear motions to continue cases identified on the case transfer list. Trial divisions shall presume that they are generally to commence trials on the case transfer list instead of waiting to start a trial set to commence several days later in the trial week.
5. As a pilot program, a quadrant of criminal judges designated by the criminal presiding judge will move their law and motion day to Monday. For these trial

judges, Friday will become an available trial day for both trial starts and continuing trials.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2005.

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Hon. Colin F. Campbell  
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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All Criminal Judges and Commissioners  
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